(*b*) if so, the rate at which it was purchased ;

(*c*) the Numbor of tonnes of sugar purchased that is with the Government at present ?

Sri B. VITTALDAS SHETTY (Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies).—

(*a*) Yes, from the sugar months of December 1967 –January 1968, actual purchase commencing only from 1968.

(*b*) At Rs. 400 per quintal Ex-factory.

(*c*) Nil.

Closure of Departments of M. I. S. L.

205. **Sri ABDUAL KHUDDUS ANWAR** (Bhadravati).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of departments closed down in Mysore Iron and Steel Limited, Bhadravathi Since 1962 ;

(*b*) whate happened to the staff working in thoše dapartments ?

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Minister for Industries Information and Publicity).—

(*a*) Four.

(*b*) They were transferred to the newsteel plant, alloy and specia steel plant and some of the existing departments against vacancies.

Joint Farming Societies

220. **Sri N. G. HALAPPA** (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount of loan advanced to the Joint Farming Socities in the State till 31st July 1968 ;

(*b*) the amount due for recovery and the amount recovered so far ;

(*c*) how the loan was utilised in improving the Food position in the state ;

(*d*) whether the Government has taken any security from these societies for the loan advanced and whether the security taken is adequate ;